

October



2017

Welcome back everyone! We hope all children have had a great first month back at school. We look forward to the academic year ahead and here's to lots of challenges and learning but most of all fun!

DIARY DATES

Mon 2nd– School Photos
P7 booster club session 4

Tuesday 3rd– Scripture Union club begins and School Photos

Wednesday 4th– Jo Jingles session 3 and after schools ECO club 3-4pm

Thurs 5th– Rev Stockitt assembly

Mon 9th– P7 booster club session 5

Tues 10th– Scripture Union 3-4pm

Wed 11th– Jo Jingles session 4 and ECO club 3-4pm

Mon 16th– P7 Booster club session 6

Tues 17th– Scripture Union 3-4pm

Wed 18th– Jo Jingles session 5 and ECO club 3-4pm

Thurs 19th– CEF Assembly

Mon 23rd– P7 Booster club session 7

Tues 24th– Scripture Union 3-4pm

Wed 25th– Final Jo Jingles and Final ECO club

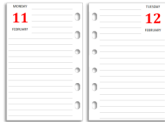
Wed 25th– Echo Echo

Thurs 26th– Cinema night

Mon 30th– School closure

Tues 31st– School closure

Mon 6th Nov– School Resumes



Curriculum Evening

We held our annual Curriculum Evening on Tuesday 19th September. The staff would like to thank the parents that did attend and we hope you found it informative and useful.

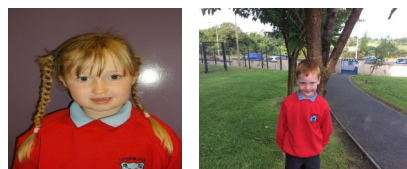


Welcome, Welcome!

We are extremely proud to welcome our youngest members of DPS, our primary ones. They are settling in really well and we wish them lots of luck throughout their school journey!



Community Nominated Achievement Award



We decided to award two pupils with the Community Nomination Award as we found it so difficult to choose between these two! Huge congratulations to Harry in P3 and Mia in P2. Harry has been a great support to mummy lately. Mia has been such a

responsible and helpful little girl at home.

This month's recognitions

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our pupil of the month in each class for September!

Darci in Miss Nutt's class

Abel in Miss Sayers and Mrs Hay's class

Lucas in Mrs Timoney's class

Jake in Mrs McCusker and Mrs Young's class

Chelsea in Mr Potts' class

Outdoor Cinema Night

As last year was such a hit we have decided to hold another outdoor cinema night this year. This will take place on Thursday 26th October 2017 @ 6pm. We hope to be watching 'Boss Baby' (license permitting). There will be lots of delicious refreshments available to purchase such as popcorn, hot dogs, burgers, crisps, sweets, hot chocolate and fizzy drinks. There will be a donation box on entry where you can place a donation for the movie. The



suggested amount is £3 per person. We hope to see lots of you there to support this event.

AFTERSCHOOLS CLUBS

We have lots of fun available during After Schools clubs. Busy Bee's is available for all Primary one and two pupils from 2-3pm. Here pupils will experience cookery, arts and crafts as well as indoor and outdoor play. There is also 'Busy Bee's Extra' 3-4pm available for Primary One and Two pupils.

Homework club will run every day from 3-4pm where pupils are supported by adults.

Late Club is available from 4-5.25pm. This club is an excellent opportunity for pupils to experience both indoor and outdoor play as well as plenty of arts and crafts. Tuesday arts and crafts schedule as follows:

3rd and 10th Oct– Play Mais crafts/modelling.

!7th Oct– Autumn Sunflowers

24th Oct– Mystery Halloween Art.

There will also be cookery offered on a Wednesday. Pupils will be making the following treats:

4th Oct– Garlic Bread.

11th Oct– Rocky Road Biscuits.

18th Oct– French Toast

25th Oct– Fifteens.



On a Thursday pupils will be playing in the hall or watching a DVD on the 'Big Screen'! Booking is essential so please ensure to use our booking form and use a labelled envelope for payment purposes.

Additional After Schools Clubs available:

Relax Kidz– Was due to begin on 28th Sept but it is rescheduled to start Thursday 5th Oct.

ECO club– Miss Sayers and her newly elected ECO club will be continuing their hard work every

Wednesday 3-4pm.

Scripture Union– Starting on Tuesday 3rd Oct and will take place every Tuesday 3-4pm until the 14th Nov.

Foundation Stage Football (2-3pm) - Starts Friday 6th Oct and will be available every Friday.

Friday Football– will run every Friday 3-4pm.

Relax Kidz

Relax kidz is an exciting new 10 week programme which started on Thursday 28th October. It will run every Thursday at 2-3pm. This programme is offered to Foundation Stage pupils costing £1 per session. It is an excellent opportunity for children to develop their movement skills, self-confidence, communication, self-soothing, mental and physical awareness as well as self-management.

Shared Education

We are delighted to be part of a Shared Education programme. Each Key stage of our school will be involved in some shared work activities with our neighbouring schools: Altishane PS, Loughash PS, St. Joseph's PS and St. Patrick's PS. There will be lots of fun activities taking place such as Learning Through Play, Science, Book Studies, Problem Solving and ICT.

There will also be joint Summer trips available for each year group as a way of celebrating the efforts of all of our children throughout the programme.

We have already performed as a large community choir for the two local Bishops supporting their walk from Claudy to Londonderry. This was a memorial event in memory of the Claudy bomb.

As a shared group we watched the 'Wind in the Willows' pantomime in the church hall on Friday 29th September. Its amazing to see so many new friendships blossoming already and we hope this will continue throughout the year.

LEARNING THIS MONTH!

P1 Literacy: SATPIN sounds and letter formation. Listening Tasks. Numeracy: Numbers 1-10, sorting for colour and shape.

WAU: Time to Rhyme

ICT: Number recognition games.

P2 Literacy: Linguistic phonics, Rhyming words, letter formation and spelling of key words.

Numeracy: 2D shape, Problem Solving and Numbers to 20.

WAU: Time to Rhyme

ICT: Mouse Control

P3/4

Literacy: Non Chronological reports, comprehension, 'their' 'there' and 'they're'.

Numeracy: Thousands, Hundreds, Tens, Units, 2D and 3D shapes, Number Bonds, Addition and Subtraction.

WAU: House and Homes.

ICT: Word, Paint and Posters

P4/5

Literacy: Comprehension, Flat Stanley Novel Study, Adjectives, Nouns, Verbs and punctuation.

Numeracy: Place Value, Data Handling and Problem Solving

ICT: Graphs and Publisher Design

WAU: I am Unique!

P6/7

Literacy: Comprehension, Newspaper Headlines/Articles, Nouns, Verbs and Adjectives.

Numeracy: Time, Problem Solving, Place Value, Mental Addition and Subtraction, Written Adding and Subtraction.

ICT: Cinema Night Posters and word processing skills.

WAU: The Blue Planet.